

Nuc arms race: a case study for
psych. theory (1)

Danger of sanction of small-scale use of
nucs, seen as successful (e.g. if it had
happened in Falklands) p 6-8

Intolerable moral policy, à la Teller:
destroying all of life on Earth.

PP — no justification offered for 7½ mill tons
of bombs, 50,000 U.S. dead, 2 mill VN dead. (p. 14)

Def. of massacre, just war theory pp. 15-17
Int'l. law, UN resolutions — pp. 18-20

~~Strategy~~

Aerial firebombing — pp. 20-21

The impotence of current policies —
pp. 22-23 (moral systems failing)

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23- Milgrim — Pentagon behav. was
part of widespread human behav. Milgrim
implications: Americans will do anything to anyone

Lilienthal quote — p. 27 — ethical limits
of warfare cast aside by A-bomb

Shift in scale of destruction, w/ H bomb —
29-30

What are the solvents that

dissolve ordinary human restraints against
fantastically murderous & reckless behav? pp. 31-32

One aspect: almost limitless obed. to
organizational authority.

pp. 38-40 Shift to bombing civilians came after unending soldiers' deaths that didn't seem to affect the course of the war. "There's got to be a better way."

(Q) Russians' awfulness used to justify unlimited awfulness on our part.

Revenge: seen as a viable justification for practically anything. (p. 45)

"Ask a proponent of F.U. option to define for you exactly when he ~~is~~ would initiate F.U. of nuc weapons. (p. 46)

Persing II's not a true counter to SS-20's - they make SS-20 use more, not less, likely. (p. 47) (Bunker's officer)

p. 49 - No previous installation of weapons has led to reduction in ^{comparable} weapons of other side.

pp. 49-53 Instability a desirable feature being deliberately chosen to an extent. makes opponent wary of sparking crises which could get out of control

Leaders commonly underestimate the level of violence needed to do the job, also the other side's willingness to retaliate.

pp. 53-55

pp. 56-60 Psychology of leaders' willingness to massacre. Kelman: leaders see themselves as serving a cause, as →

representing an org., just as the others feel subordinate to it. They have a job to do, and they have no choice but to do what they are doing. "I have no choice but to give these orders." Relevant precedents are seen as justification. Revenge

p. 61-62 How to break the scapegoating cycle? Fear of culpability - whose heads will roll?

p. 63 - Nation-states formed in relation to external phenomenon. There is something in the nature of that formation which divests its members of responsibility.

p. 64 - Argentina - ~~the~~ leaders fear relinquishing power & being held accountable for massacre. (Amnesty needed?)

p. 65 - Germans & Japanese refer to the evils they did. (And some Americans learned similarly from VN)